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Mr. Musgrave:

This letter is in response to the request made pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act regarding the use of drones.

1. The Russell County Sheriff's Office does not have the information requested.
2. The Russell County Sheriff's Office does not have written policy referencing the use of drones. Program and policies are still in development at this time.
3. a. The Russell County Sheriff's Office cannot disclose this information. By doing so it would pose a safety risk to the tactical plans of this law enforcement agency.  
b. The Russell County Sheriff's Office does not have the information requested.  
c. The Russell County Sheriff's Office does not have the information requested.  
d. The Russell County Sheriff's Office does not have drones with the capacity to carry weapons.

The only anticipated use of a drone by the Russell County Sheriff's Office would be during the search of missing persons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Dye".

Steve Dye  
Sheriff

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